Fatal accidents in Metropolitan cities

425. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi tops the metropolis in so far as the rate of fatal accidents;

(b) if so, the number of fatal accidents indicating the number of persons killed and injured in accidents on roads in all the metropolis during the first six months of 1993 and during Jan.-June and July-December, 1992; and

(c) how far the higher rate of fatal accidents in Delhi is attributable to the induction of red line buses in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. Rate of facilities per thousand vehicles in Delhi is lowest as compared to other metropolis.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Road Accidents in Delhi

426. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of accidents and the number of persons killed and injured in road accidents in Delhi from January to June, 1993;

(b) the comparative figures for the two halfs of 1992;

(c) the number of these casualties attributable to induction of Red Line buses in Delhi during the above period separately month-wise; and

(d) how these casualty figures compare with those in other metropolitan towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The number of accidents, persons killed and injured in road accidents in Delhi from January to June, 1992; July to December, 1992 and January to June, 1993 are given below :—

S.No.	Period	No. of Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
1	January–June, 1992	4150	945	4161
2	July–December, 1992	4356	905	4415
3	January–June, 1993	4110	892	4061

(c) 78 casualties occurred by accidents involving Red Line buses since September, 1992 when this service was introduce in Delhi as per month-wise details given below —

Sl. No.	Month	No. of Casualties
1	September, 1992	..
2	October, 1992	1
3	November, 1992	..
4	December, 1992	2
5	January, 1993	8
6	February, 1993	5
7	March, 1993	14
8	April, 1993	13
9	May, 1993	17
10	June, 1993	18
	TOTAL :	78

(d) The number of persons killed in road accidents in other three metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras for the year 1992 was 406, 472 and 500 (Estimated) respectively.

Age of Ships in Indian Fleet

427. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have rejected the request of the ship owners for relaxation of age for acquisition of ships;

(b) what are the compelling reasons for such rejection;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the average age of the Indian Merchant ship fleet is fourteen years and while for World fleet is Eighteen years; and

(d) whether Government propose to reconsider the request of the shipowners for age relaxation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPOT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To maintain the objectives set out in the 8th Plan document and the import and export policy 1992-97. Moreover, the age norms were revised only in March, 1991.

(c) the average age of Indian and World merchant fleets is 14 years and 17 years, respectively.

(d) Yes, Sir, in due course.

Funds Allocated for the development of National Highway in Gujarat

428. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and reserved for Maintenance, Development and repair of existing National Highways dursng 1992-93; 1993--94 district-wise of Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Fonds allocated for development, maintenance and repairs of National Highways in Gujarat State are as under:—

	1992-93	1993-94 (Tentative)
	(Rs. in lakhe)	
Original Works	4650.00	4800.00
Maintenance & Repairs	881.37	766.70

The funds are allocated for the State as a whole and not district-wise.

कोचीन शिपयार्ड का बन्द किया जाना

429. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी :**
श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर :

क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कोचीन पोत प्रांगण को बंद किया जा रहा है, यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) इस पोत प्रांगण में जहाजों के निर्माण के लिए आर्डर देने के संबंध में सरकार ने क्या नीति तैयार की है; और

(ग) वर्तमान में इस पोत प्रांगण में कार्यरत स्थायी तथा अस्थायी कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) जी, नहीं ।